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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on November 19, 2004, **BRETT A. STALLINGS**, age 43, of East St. Louis, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **STALLINGS** had previously been found guilty on December 11, 2003, by a jury after a trial where he was charged in a one-count indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. **STALLINGS** was sentenced to 188 months' incarceration and 5 years' supervised release following incarceration. Parole has been abolished in the federal system; **STALLINGS** will serve a minimum of 85% of his term of incarceration.

**STALLINGS**, because of three prior convictions for violent felonies, was sentenced to an enhanced penalty as an Armed Career Criminal.

**STALLINGS** was arrested on June 19, 2001, by members of the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois (MEGSI). The case was referred to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case was brought as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. The goal of the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is to remove illegal guns and drugs from our communities under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, by federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug-trafficking offenses.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard H. Lloyd.